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QUEMOY-MATSU CRISIS TESTS DETERRENT POLICY AGAIN

By last week it looked as though the United States had once more leaned out over the brink of nuclear war and gotten away with it. Though the danger pen war breaking out over the islands of Quemoy and Matsu had not disap-ed, the overtures by Communist China toward peace talks with the U. S. and slackening of the bombardment of the islands suggested thet the Chinese were (yet?) willing to confront an open American challenge.

such proves to be the case, it appear to be another demonstra- of the validity of the "deterrent" cy. Only the unabashed display of e, many will say, restrained the ld-be aggressors.

o far as anyone can tell, they will ight. They may also be right the time, and the next, and the one that. But deterrence will not work h longer; each time the tension is ter, and each time the final de- on depends upon one man or a group nen who, for their own political s' sake, cannot always back down.

o far as the groups of islets known Quemoy and Matsu are concerned, s hard to see justification for the ed States on any grounds whatever. y lie, heavily armed threats to Com- ist China, from three to ten miles the mainland coast. Quemoy rep- nts an effective blockade of the rtant port of Amoy, so that the ing government cannot use it for e ships, and Matsu harrasses the of Foochow. Like the Nationalist es that fly over the coast, they engage in active and continuous against the mainland. It is hard to gine that any considerations would ce the United States to accept a lar hostile occupation of islands he American coast.

he importance of the islands to Nationalists is their role in sup- ng the fantasy that Chiang Kai- , now past 70, and his aging army half-million, some day will recon- quer the mainland. The extent of the fantasy is evident in the open belief in both Tapei and Washington that a full third of Chiang's army could not hold the two tiny islands against a determined assault.

If there is another "truce," it is to

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"Loud Protest"

"How myopic with respect to our own real interests and how ruthlessly inconsiderate of the interests of humanity are we going to allow our Government to be? How long shall we be silent while our Government recklessly takes us from one brink to another? Is there no 'loyal opposition' which, instead of acquiescing in if not actually applauding each act of insanity, will at long last demand an end to irresponsibility and propose some common-sense alternatives?

"This is a time when true patriotism demands not quiet acquiescence but loud protest.

"If we get into a major war over Matsu and Quemoy we shall have few friends and allies; nor shall we deserve them. We shall have no one to blame but ourselves, nothing to gain and everything to lose--including our self-respect and our national honor."

--James P. Warburg.

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Quemoy-Matsu *(cont'd)*

be hoped that public opinion will force the Administration to take wiser steps than those that followed the 1955 crisis. Such steps should include:

Withdrawal of all support for continued Nationalist occupation of Quemoy and Matsu, with help in evacuating the garrisons there. These islands clearly belong to the mainland.

Disavowal of any intention of supporting an attempt by Chiang to reconquer China. Since no such attempt can possibly be made except by involving the United States in full-scale war with Peiping, this would amount simply to renouncing any intention of launching aggressive war against Communist China.

Referral of the Formosa question to the United Nations, so that the Formosans may decide themselves, by plebiscite, on their own government. Most of the evidence suggests that they would reject both Communists and Nationalists.

And, of course, admission of the actual established government of China to the United Nations. The pretense that the rulers of 600 million people do not exist, and the attempt to deal with Asian tensions without talking to Peiping, have reached a point of absurdity that is intolerable. The next brink may be the one where our foot slips.

Cheyenne Protest Continues

Five young pacifists were in jail in Cheyenne, Wyoming, as this issue went to press, with other pacifists from the West Coast continuing a nonvio vigil outside the newly built mis base at nearby Camp Warren. The ifists were in jail with sentence 100 days each in lieu of paying fines.

A-V Workshop Produced Radio Tapes, Film Strip

The FOR's first Audio-Visual W shop, held at the Nyack headquar in July under the direction of Dela Hudspeth, produced three taped r "shows" and a sound-accompa film strip. The strip and two of the dio tapes are now available for tribution.

The workshop operated on a c pletely voluntary basis, with part pants donating time and services. inventory was made of all availa tapes and films in the FOR's A-V brary. A mimeographed list of the with rental and purchase fees, is av able on request.

FOR Plans Training Groups

Plans for training sessions in p ifism and nonviolence, to be held the FOR headquarters in Nyack, N are taking shape under the directio Dr. Earle Warner, now on the natio staff. Included in the plans is the velopment of a program called " terns in Nonviolence," for the tr ing of men and women sufficiently ski and disciplined in this area to s as advisors in emergency situations

Costa Rica Swaps Rifle For Farm Tractor

In July the new President of Co Rica, Mario Echandi, traded an old r for a Ford diesel tractor and plow i ceremony at the National Monum to symbolize Costa Rica's peace ai

Under its Constitution, Costa R has no army, only a National Guard an interview with IFOR Co-Treasu John Nevin Sayre and his wife, Ka leen, on May 23, Echandi told the p ifist couple that his country was se ing aid from the United States, but t he wanted agricultural, not milit equipment.

NEWS from the peace front

So far 3,500 West German conscripts ve registered as conscientious ob- ctors.

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Business Week reports that the In- nal Revenue Service now permits legates to veteran and church organ- ations to deduct their convention ex- nses as "charitable contributions," d adds that the ruling presumably ould apply to other organizations to ich one can make a deductible con- bution. Delegates to FOR conferences ould take note.

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The Central Committee of the World uncil of Churches has received a cument on the "prevention of war in atomic age" prepared by a committee pointed in 1955 of theologians, sci- tists, and military men. Pastor Mar- Niemoller of Germany, a member the Central Committee and an FOR mber, said of the study that, "In the ole matter we have no advice for the ubled Christian conscience of our ne."

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Discussions of how to continue em- asis on direct action projects against r under some form of joint sponsor- ip by the major peace organizations re scheduled for September 17 and at the Nyack headquarters of FOR. presentatives of the established ace organizations and of Nonviolent tion Against Nuclear Weapons, the hoc committee that sponsored the lden Rule and other projects during e past year, will participate.

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Charles S. Rhyne, president of the erican Bar Association, used that up's annual meeting in Washington st month to call for an expanded sys- n of international courts to settle putes between nations. Included in recommendations was the proposal t this country give up the reservation t allows it to say when it will per- the tribunal to have jurisdiction of dispute in which the United States is volved.

An indefinite stay of execution was won on September 4 by Jimmy Wilson, 55-year old Alabama Negro who had been scheduled for September 5, but his theft of $1.95. The execution had been scheduled for September 5, but was postponed until the Alabama Supreme Court could consider his appeal for a re-hearing. Thousands of people in this country and abroad had written Alabama's Governor James E. Folsom pleading for Wilson's life.

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M. R. Zigler, well-known pacifist representative of the Church of the Brethren in Europe, and an FOR member was seriously injured and his wife killed in an automobile accident in Sweden late in August. Latest word is that Mr. Zigler is out of immediate danger, though his extensive injuries mean that complete recovery may take many months.

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Pacifists in many cities picketed Federal buildings while Golden Rule crew were imprisoned. These are Los Angeles demonstrators before that city's Hall of Justice. Wilson Riles, Pacific Coast FOR secretary, is at left.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., leader of the nonviolent movement in Montgomery, Alabama, was arrested by police of that city and jailed for 15 minutes on a charge of "loitering" in front of the city hall. Dr. King, who was trying to get into a courtroom where a hearing was taking place involving another passive resistance leader, said police used brutality in making the arrest.

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More than 100 FOR members and friends attended the New England section of the 1958 National Conferences at Laurel Park, Mass., over Labor Day weekend. Speakers included Prof. Nels Ferré, of Andover-Newton Theological School; Bishop John Sadiq, of Nagpur, India; Glenn Smiley, John Swomley and Alfred Hassler of the national FOR staff, and a panel of four scientists, including Prof. Earle Warner, newest addition to the national staff.

Southern Hotel Entertains FOR (Negro) Secretary

Harry Golden, editor of *The Carolina Israelite*, relates in the August 30 issue of *The Nation* how he entertained in Charlotte, N.C., Jim Lawson, FOR Southern Secretary, when asked to by "the Fellowship of Reconciliation (my fellow Pacifists)..."

"I had never met Mr. Lawson," he writes, "and when he called me late in the evening from the bus station, I told him that I had reserved a room for him at a downtown hotel, to have a good night's sleep, and come to my home breakfast the next morning at ei o'clock. But at seven o'clock the ho manager called: 'Mr. Golden, what co is Reverend Lawson?' I told the ho man that I had never met Mr. Laws 'but how many colors are there; whi color do you think he is?'

"The manager said the consens at the hotel was that Mr. Lawson w a Negro. But, of course, the fellow h already slept there and how could s regation be made retroactive? But bit of kindness is never out of order told the manager that his overni guest was from India; and I am glad report that Mr. Lawson was very f giving when I told him of the sigh relief the hotel manager expressed this reassurance."

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sep. 22. Meeting with Golden Rule cr members Albert Bigelow and Geor Willoughby, University Museum Au itorium, 34th off Spruce, Philadelph 8 p.m.

Oct. 3-4. FOR National Conference Northern California.

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Oct. 24-25. FOR National Conferen for Midwest. LaGrange Method Church, Cossitt and Ashland, LaGran Ill.

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